

TheBus Service Reductions and Route Modifications Planned for August 2003



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Department of Transportation Services
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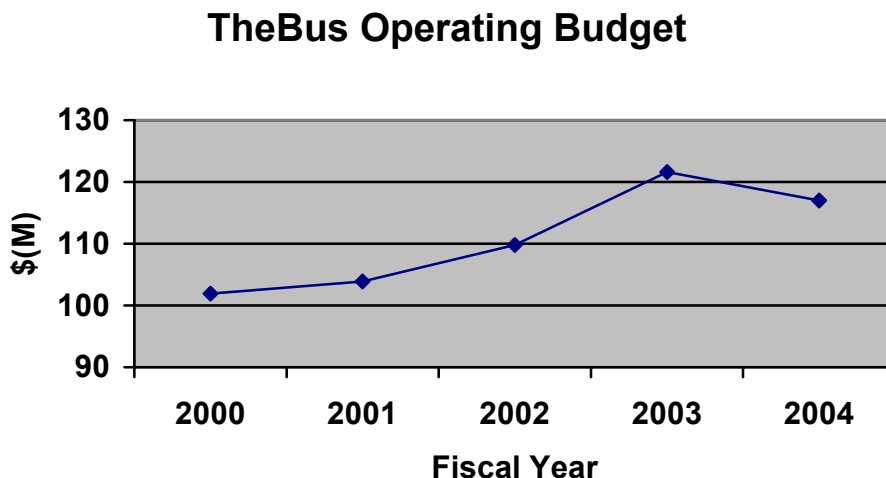
TheBus SERVICE REDUCTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS

This document describes service reductions or route modifications to most TheBus routes that were implemented in June 2003 and those scheduled for August 2003.

Reason for the service reductions and modifications

The service hours that Oahu Transit Services, Inc. (OTS) can operate is based on the funding appropriated in the annual operating budget.

The following chart shows the trend of funding for bus service hours between Fiscal Year 2000 and Fiscal Year 2004:



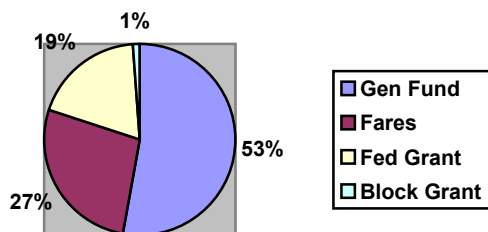
As shown above, the operating budget for TheBus increased steadily over the past three years.

The operating budget for TheBus is funded from the following sources:

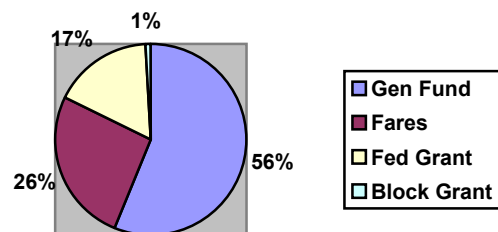
- Fares
- General Fund (City-wide Taxes)
- Federal Grants
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

The following charts show the percentage of the operating budget funds by the above sources:

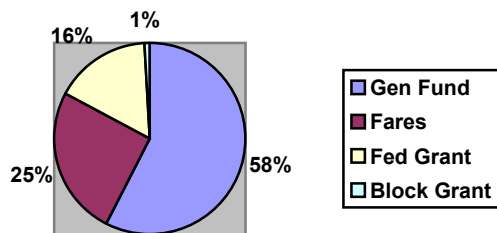
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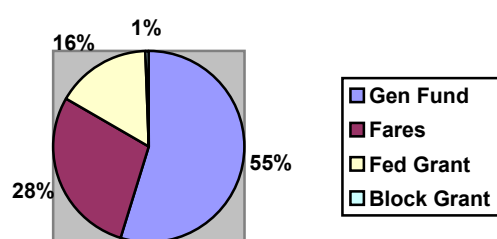
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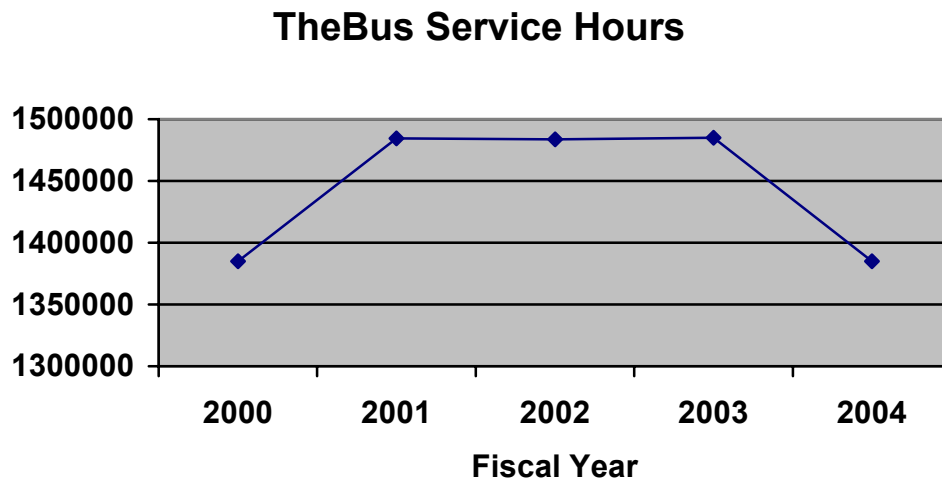
Fiscal Year 2003



Fiscal Year 2004



The corresponding bus service hours for the same period are shown below:



The above charts illustrate the reduction in the operating budget between Fiscal Year 2003 and Fiscal Year 2004.

Fiscal Year 2003	\$121.6 million
Fiscal Year 2004	<u>\$117.0 million</u>
Reduction	<u>\$ 4.6 million</u>

The \$4.6 million reduction in the operating budget necessitates a 100,000-hour reduction in annual bus service hours. This is a 6% reduction in total service hours.

Service Reductions and Modifications – Rationale

Reducing bus service is very difficult as it directly affects individuals who choose to use public transit as their mode of transportation. No public transit agency wants to reduce service. On the contrary, public transit agencies are always

seeking avenues to increase ridership by making the service more available to the community.

Every major transit agency in the United States is faced with making major reductions in its bus service. The terrorists' attacks of 9-11 had a negative impact on transit ridership that reduced ridership and revenue. As a result, such cities as Oakland, California; San Diego, California; Denver, Colorado; Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania must all make very difficult choices.

In determining the options for reducing bus service in Honolulu, the following criteria was used:

- Impact the least number of transit riders.
- Target the least efficient routes.
- Avoid route elimination, if possible.

Environmental Justice (EJ) Analysis

The City and County of Honolulu conducted an Environmental Justice review of the Fiscal Year 2003 bus service changes. This review is required under Executive Order 12898. The purpose of the Environmental Justice review is to determine whether or not the service changes are distributed equally and are not discriminatory.

The Environmental Justice review analyzed two performance measures:

- Transit Miles – the number of transit miles operated in a given area.
- Opportunity to Access Bus Transit – the total number of times a bus is scheduled to stop at a bus stop.

The analysis of the above performance measures found the following between bus service before any reductions (March 2003) and after all planned reductions:

Daily Transit Miles – March 2003

	EJ Areas	Non-EJ Areas	Total All Areas
March	9,314	46,998	56,312
Proposed	8,556	42,911	51,467
Percent Change	8.13%	8.7%	8.6%

Daily Opportunities to Access Bus Transit – March 2003

	EJ Areas	Non-EJ Areas	Total All Areas
March	8,527	28,405	36,932
Proposed	7,680	25,444	33,124
Percent Change	9.94%	10.42%	10.31%

Based on these findings, the following:

- The average reduction in scheduled transit miles proposed is comparable for EJ neighborhoods and non-EJ neighborhoods.
- The average reduction in opportunities to access bus transit is comparable for EJ neighborhoods and non-EJ neighborhoods.

Service Reductions and Modifications – June 2003

In June, adjustments were made to fifteen express routes and six regular routes, which result in annual saving \$1.2 million. The service reductions by individual routes are listed in Attachment A.

The service adjustments introduced in June focused on peak hour express routes. As a result, some riders had to switch their departure times and some riders had to stand.

OTS is conducting periodic load checks on the peak hour express services and is making adjustments where required so that there are no pass-ups. Some additional adjustments are anticipated when students return to school.

Service Reductions and Modifications – August 2003

The August service adjustments will modify the headways (minutes between buses) on many routes. For example, Route 1 will go from a bus every eight minutes to a bus every nine minutes. No routes will be eliminated. The specific changes are shown in Attachment B.

The August service adjustments will reduce expenditures by \$4.5 million.

Routes 3, 9, and 12 will be combined in a way that improves the service and reduces expenditures by \$350,000.

Route 3, 9, & 12 Consolidation for August 2003

- **Route 3** – The current routing east of downtown Honolulu to RUGER WAIALAE AVE will remain the same. West of downtown Honolulu, Route 3 will replace Route 12 on Liliha, Vineyard, H-1 Freeway and through Mapunapuna to SALT LAKE.

- **New Route 3 Kaimuki – Salt Lake**

- Buses leaving Salt Lake will be marked **3 Ruger – Koko Head Avenue**;
 - Buses going to Salt Lake will be marked **3 Salt Lake**.
 - Salt Lake service will be modestly improved with longer service hours.
 - Salt Lake buses will operate past Ala Moana Center on Kapiolani Boulevard only, will not go into or circle the center.
 - Riders currently traveling from Kaimuki to the Pearl Harbor area will need to transfer to new Rt. **9 Navy** on Kapiolani Boulevard or downtown.
- **Route 9** - The current routing east of downtown Honolulu to PALOLO VALLEY will remain the same. West of downtown Honolulu, Route 9 will replace Route 3 on Dillingham, Kamehameha, Nimitz to PEARL HARBOR.

- **New Route 9 Palolo Valley – Pearl Harbor**

- Buses leaving Palolo Valley will be marked **9 Navy**.

- Buses returning to Palolo Valley will be marked **9 Palolo Valley**.
- Former Rt. 3 Riders traveling from Kaimuki to the Pearl Harbor area will need to transfer to new Rt. **9 Navy** on Kapiolani Boulevard, or downtown.
- **Route 12** – The Route 12 number will be retired. Route 12 will be incorporated in the new Route 3 Kaimuki – Salt Lake service.

Public Hearings

Your comments are requested and welcome. Three public hearings will be held by the Public Transit Division, Department of Transportation Services, City and County of Honolulu, at the following locations and times for the purpose of providing all citizens the opportunity to present their views on the service reductions and route modifications to be made in August 2003:

- Makiki District Park, 1527 Keeaumoku St., on Monday, August 11, 2003 at 7:00 pm,
- Kapolei Hale, 1000 Ulu'Ohia Street on Wednesday, August 13, 2003 at 7:00 pm,
- Kailua District Park, 21 S. Kainalu Drive, on Thursday, August 14, 2003 at 7:00 pm

Attendees may register at the hearings to present oral testimony, which will be limited to three minutes. Two written copies of oral testimony must be submitted. Written testimony may be presented in lieu of oral testimony. A court reporter will be present to record oral testimony.

If you cannot attend any of the public hearings, you may submit your comments in writing until 4:30 pm, Thursday August 14, 2003, the date of the final hearing. Written testimony may be delivered or mailed to:

Department of Transportation Services
Public Transit Division
650 South King Street, third floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Written testimony received after 4:30 pm, Thursday August 14, 2003, the date of the final hearing, whether in person or by mail, may not be included in the record of the hearing.

Testimony given at the hearing will not be responded to at the hearing, and questions posed in testimony will not be answered at the hearing. If you want to receive a written response, please place your name and address on your testimony.

Attachment A

Specific Service Reductions - June 2003

June 2003 Service Reduction (May 30, 2003)		Before		After		
		Buses	Minutes	Buses	Minutes	
			between buses		between buses	
	Weekday					
2	Waikiki-School-Middle		Running Time Adjustments			
4	Nuuanu-Punahou	9	18	8	20	
8	Waikiki-Ala Moana	9	7	8	8	
80	Hawaii Kai Park & Ride Express	6 am & 5 pm trips		5 am & 4 pm trips		
80A	Hawaii Kai Park & Ride Express-UH	5 am & 4 pm trips		4 am & 3 pm trips		
85	Windward Express-Kailua	6 am & 10 pm trips		5 am & 9 pm trips		
93	Waianae Coast Express-CBD	10 am & 10 pm trips		9 am & 9 pm trips		
97	Village Park Express	4 am & 4 pm trips		3 am & 3 pm trips		
54	Honolulu-Pearl City	Cancel last eb trips to Ulune/Kahuapaani				
56	Honolulu-Kailua-Kaneohe	5	35	4	45	
81	Waipahu Express	12 am & 10 pm trips		11 am & 9 pm trips		
83	Wahiawa Town Express	7 am & 7 pm trips		6 am & 6 pm trips		
84	Mililani Express-North	4 am & 4 pm trips		3 am & 3 pm trips		
84A	Mililani Express-South	4 am & 4 pm trips		3 am & 3 pm trips		
87	Aloha Stadium Express	2 am & 1 pm trips		1 am & 1 pm trips		
91	Ewa Beach Express	9 am & 8 pm trips		8 am & 7 pm trips		
92	Makakilo City Express	3 am & 3 pm trips		2 am & 2 pm trips		
98	Wahiawa-Mililani Park & Ride	3 am & 3 pm trips		2 am & 2 pm trips		
101	Ewa Gentry Express	5 am & 5 pm trips		4 am & 4 pm trips		
102	Villages of Kapolei Express	3 am & 3 pm trips		2 am & 2 pm trips		
432	East-West Waipahu	Cancel last eb trip to Paiwa/Hiapo				
	Saturday					
8	Waikiki-Ala Moana (Saturday)				Minor Adj	
56	Honolulu-Kailua-Kaneohe (Saturday)	5	35	4	45	
	Sunday					
8	Waikiki-Ala Moana (Sunday)				Minor Adj	
56	Honolulu-Kailua-Kaneohe (Sunday)	5	35	4	45	
	Holiday					
8	Waikiki-Ala Moana (Holiday)				Minor Adj	
56	Honolulu-Kailua-Kaneohe (Holiday)	5	35	4	45	

Attachment B

Specific Service Reductions For August 2003

August 2003 Service Reduction		Current		Proposed	
		Buses	Minutes	Buses	Minutes
<i>(July 6, 2003)</i>			between buses		between buses
	Weekday				
1	Kaimuki-Kalihi	19	8	18	9
2	Waikiki-School-Middle	11	13	10	15
	<i>Modified Routes 3, 9, 12</i>				
3	Kaimuki-Pearl Harbor	9	20		
9	Palolo Valley	3	40		
12	Honolulu-Salt Lake	4	25		
New 3	Kaimuki-Salt Lake			9	20
New 9	Palolo Valley-Pearl Harbor			5	40
6	Pauoa-Woodlawn	7	20	6	25
13	Waikiki-Liliha	10	13	9	15
19/20	Waikiki-Hickam-Pearlridge	10	20	8	25
21	Waialae Iki-Nui			Reduce pm trips	
40/40A	Honolulu-Makaha	10	30	9	35
41/411	Kapolei-Ewa Beach/Makakilo Heights	3	30	3	35
42	Ewa Beach-Waikiki	9	30	8	35
43	Waipahu-Honolulu-Ala Moana	5	30	5	35
52	Wahiawa-Circle Island	8	30	7	35
55	Kaneohe-Circle Island	8	30	7	35
62	Honolulu-Wahiawa Heights	7	30	6	35
65	Honolulu-Kahaluu	2	30	2	35
53	Honolulu-Pacific Palisades	4	30	3	45
54	Honolulu-Pearl City	4	30	3	45
57/58	Kailua-Waimanalo-Sea Life Park	10	30	9	35
71	Pearlridge-Newtown			Reduce am & pm trips	
81	Waipahu Express	11 am & 9 pm trips		ADJUSTED	
85	Windward Express-Kailua	6 am & 10 pm trips		6 am & 8 pm trips	
85A	Windward Express-Haiku	3 am & 3 pm trips		3 am & 2 pm trips	
88	Kahaluu-Ahuimanu Express	2 am & 3 pm trips		2 am & 2 pm trips	
89	Waimanalo-Kailua Express	2 am & 2 pm trips		1 am & 1 pm trips	
93	Waianae Coast Express-CBD	9 am & 9 pm trips		8 am & 8 pm trips	
103	Paiwa-Waikele Express	2 am & 2 pm trips		1 am & 1 pm trips	
201	Waipahu via Farrington Express	6 am & 3 pm trips		4 am & 2 pm trips	
202	Waipahu via Paiwa Express	4 am & 2 pm trips		3 am & 1 pm trips	
203	Kalihi via School Express	2 am & 2 pm trips		1 am & 1 pm trips	
401	Waianae Valley				Minor Adj
431	Ewa Mill/Villages				Minor Adj
432	East-West Waipahu				Minor Adj
A	City Express! A	12	15	10	17.5
C	CountryExpress! C	7	30	6	35

	Saturday				
2	Waikiki-School-Middle	11	13	9	16
	<i>Modified Routes 3, 9, 12</i>				
3	Kaimuki-Pearl Harbor (Saturday)	7			
9	Palolo Valley (Saturday)	3			
12	Honolulu-Salt Lake (Saturday)	4			
New 3	Kaimuki-Salt Lake (Saturday)			8	
New 9	Palolo Valley-Pearl Harbor (Saturday)			4	
6	Pauoa-Woodlawn	6	22	5	26/27
13	Waikiki-Liliha	10	13	8	16
19/20	Waikiki-Hickam-Pearlridge	8	25	7	28/29
40/40A	Honolulu-Makaha	10	30	9	35
41/411	Kapolei-Ewa Beach/Makakilo Heights	1	60	1	70
42	Ewa Beach-Waikiki	8	30	7	35
43	Waipahu-Honolulu-Ala Moana	5	30	5	35
52	Wahiawa-Circle Island	8	30	7	35
55	Kaneohe-Circle Island	8	30	7	35
62	Honolulu-Wahiawa Heights	6	35	6	35
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C	CountryExpress! C	7	30	6	35
	Sunday				
2	Waikiki-School-Middle	9	15	8	18
	<i>Modified Routes 3, 9, 12</i>				
3	Kaimuki-Pearl Harbor (Sunday)	4			
9	Palolo Valley (Sunday)	2			
12	Honolulu-Salt Lake (Sunday)	3			
New 3	Kaimuki-Salt Lake (Sunday)			5	
New 9	Palolo Valley-Pearl Harbor (Sunday)			3	
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55	Kaneohe-Circle Island	8	30	7	35
62	Honolulu-Wahiawa Heights	6	30	5	38

65	Honolulu-Kahaluu	2	30	2	35
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56	Honolulu-Kailua-Kaneohe	4	45	3	60
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